



Subject:	Partner Agreements Update & Rosario Youth Centre request
Date:	8 March 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Partner Agreements for October 2021-December 2021.
1.2	To advise committee of a request from Rosario YC with regards to extending the existing management arrangements for Ulidia Playing Fields (Appendix 1). This will result in the providing of continued additional financial support, pending the completion of the process to convert the management model of the facility to Community Assets Transfer.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the progress to date at Partner Agreement sites. • Agree to continue to provide a maximum financial payment of up to £2,000 per month up to a maximum of £24,000 for staff costs, subject to vouching of fully evidenced expenditure.

3.0	Main report																
3.1	<p>Legal Agreements</p> <p>Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at the following sites with the clubs identified below. The Agreements are for a period of 5 years with option to extend for up to a further two years. The Department has extended all of the Agreements beyond the initial 5 year period and up to March 2023.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 551 1252 963"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="327 551 911 600">Location</th> <th data-bbox="911 551 1246 600">Partner</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="327 600 911 651">Dixon Playing Fields</td> <td data-bbox="911 600 1246 651">Sirocco Works FC</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="327 651 911 703">Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park</td> <td data-bbox="911 651 1246 703">East Belfast FC</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="327 703 911 754">Woodlands Playing Fields</td> <td data-bbox="911 703 1246 754">Co. Antrim Board GAA</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="327 754 911 806">Loughside Playing Fields</td> <td data-bbox="911 754 1246 806">Loughside FC</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="327 806 911 857">Shore Road Playing Fields</td> <td data-bbox="911 806 1246 857">Grove United FC</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="327 857 911 909">Orangefield Playing Fields</td> <td data-bbox="911 857 1246 909">Bloomfield FC</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="327 909 911 963">Ulidia Playing Fields</td> <td data-bbox="911 909 1246 963">Rosario FC</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Location	Partner	Dixon Playing Fields	Sirocco Works FC	Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park	East Belfast FC	Woodlands Playing Fields	Co. Antrim Board GAA	Loughside Playing Fields	Loughside FC	Shore Road Playing Fields	Grove United FC	Orangefield Playing Fields	Bloomfield FC	Ulidia Playing Fields	Rosario FC
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3.2	<p>Regular checks on the necessary Insurance, Health and Safety and Governance have been completed at all sites. The reporting documents were amended in accordance with audit requirements and sent to partners one month in advance of reporting deadlines. All partners are compliant on these matters.</p>																
3.3	<p>Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans</p> <p>Successful applicants submitted their plans in early 2021 to improve sports development outcomes at each site in the 2021 – 2022 financial year. Funding of up to £20,000 per annum is available for each partner to deliver a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Letters of offer to all partners are based on approved sports development plans for the financial year. Partners must submit Sports Development plans annually which are aligned to the financial planning calendar for the incoming year.</p>																
3.4	<p>Monitoring</p> <p>Given the ongoing Covid19 restrictions the usual end of quarter monitoring meetings have not been held face to face with partners. However parks management and sports development have kept in contact via phone calls for updates on site management and bookings, health and safety, finance and their sports development plan. Action plans are reviewed and agreed with the partners during these discussions to ensure that planned outcomes are achieved and improvements identified where required.</p>																

Sports Development Impact

3.5 In line with Council objectives, the diversification of use and improved sports development impact are priorities at the partner agreement sites. Programme delivery has led to significant positive achievements across the sites despite the Covid19 restrictions.

3.6 The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by the 7 partners for Quarter 3 (October-December) 2021/22.

A. Participation type

1. Members of different codes	2440
2. People with a Disability	38
3. People from a minority ethnic background	1044
4. Females	1382
5. Older people	690
6. Schools / youth organisations	7

B. Participation usage

Number of full pitch/adult matches on site	203
Number of full pitch/adult match participations	2310
Number of small sided/youth matches on site	258
Number of youth match participations	6431
Number of training sessions held on site	287
Number of training session participants	14,045
Number of other bookings / activities on site	34
Number of other bookings/activity participants on site	1190

C. Partnership working

1. Working with Belfast City Council	10
2. Sports Governing Bodies	18
3. Other teams / groups in your sport	15
4. Other teams / groups in different sports	4
5. Community / voluntary groups	9

D. Social value	
1. Young people at risk	855
2. Encourage participation of under-represented groups	248
3. Promote positive cross community relations	140
4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities	1860
5. Promote Volunteering skills	41
6. Develop skills that will improve employability	51
	174

3.7 **Rosario YC Additional Funding**
 At their December 2018 review meeting one of our partner clubs Rosario YC highlighted their concerns that the development of the site to including the new synthetic floodlit pitch required them to operate well beyond their original commitment due to the intensified hourly use, extended opening hours and the move from seasonal to year round programming. They further identified additional risks to site users and in particular control of parking due to higher volumes of traffic which is an outcome of concurrent bookings during the evenings, weekends and outside daylight hours.

3.8
 They requested that Council provide an additional monthly amount of £2,000 to support them in creating part-time posts to operate the site to Council's standards for the term of the Partner Agreement.

3.9
 People and Communities committee approved a maximum amount of £2,000 per month in January 2019 to be effective until the end of March 2020. Subsequent requests have been approved by committee to extend this arrangement until 31 March 2022.

3.10
 The Club chair wrote to the Leisure Development Manager on 21 January 2022 (see Appendix 1) stating that progress has been made with regards to Community Assets Transfer and requesting that the £2,000 per month payment be continued until the Community Assets Transfer process, which has now commenced has been completed.

3.11 **Financial & Resource Implications**
 A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites.

	A maximum of £24,000 for the additional funding for Rosario YC, which is included as part of the departmental estimates for 22/23
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications</u>
3.12	None.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Letter of request from Rosario YC